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## QUARTERLY HOGS AND PIGS – JUNE 1, 2019

### COLORADO

Colorado inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on June 1, 2019 was 780,000 head, down 3 percent from March 1, 2019 but up 3 percent from last year. **Breeding inventory**, at 160,000 head, was up 5,000 head from the previous quarter and up 5,000 head from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 620,000 head, was down 4 percent from last quarter but up 2 percent from last year.

The March-May 2019 **pig crop**, at 835,000 head, was up 16 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 78,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.70 for the March-May period, compared with 9.60 last year.

### UTAH

Utah inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on June 1, 2019 was 830,000 head, up 11 percent from March 1, 2019 and up 57 percent from last year. **Breeding inventory**, at 80,000 head, was unchanged from the previous quarter and last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 750,000 head, was up 12 percent from last quarter and up 67 percent from last year.

The March-May 2019 **pig crop**, at 460,000 head, was up 78 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 43,000 head, up 26 percent from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.70 for the March-May period, compared with 7.60 last year.

### UNITED STATES

**United States inventory** of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2019 was 75.5 million head. This was up 4 percent from June 1, 2018, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2019. This is the highest June 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs since estimates began in 1964. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.41 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 69.1 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter. This is the highest June 1 market hog inventory since estimates began in 1964.

The **March-May 2019 pig crop**, at 34.2 million head, was up 4 percent from 2018. This is the largest March-May pig crop since estimates began in 1970. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 3.11 million head, up slightly from 2018. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 11.00 for the March-May period, compared to 10.63 last year.

**United States hog producers** intend to have 3.18 million sows farrow during the June-August 2019 quarter, down slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2018, but up 3 percent from 2017. Intended farrowings for September-November 2019, at 3.17 million sows, are up slightly from 2018, and up 2 percent from 2017.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from the previous year.

All inventory and pig crop estimates for June 2018 through March 2019 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the December 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.5 percent. A revision of 0.5 percent was made to the September-November 2018 pig crop. The revision made to the March 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.0 percent. A revision of 1.3 percent was made to the December 2018-February 2019 pig crop.

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